



I think free—who lived near by—to come in the morning, get breakfast for them, work a part of the day, and then go to her own home. Her husband had been sold to Georgia. The effect on her heart's affection was like the blast of lightning which shivers the oak.

"Her son was pell-mell—partly unstrung, in great tribulation.

"Looking about one day, in the "Portland Inn," one of the largest hotels in Baltimore, I saw a large, fair-looking man, and had some conversation with him. He said, 'I live in Mississippi—have a cotton plantation. I went from Maryland here, a few years ago.' 'Well, sir, what is the chance south for a young man to get employment?'

"I will employ you. Come, I am going home in a few days, by the way of New Orleans, and I will give you a berth worth a thousand dollars a year, on my plantation, to bring niggers, and a horse to ride about.'

"Well, I did not go to Mississippi to bring niggers, like George, but staid here to bring slaves. Whether with any good effect, we shall see."

Yours truly,

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## Portland Inquirer.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1853.

FOR PRESIDENT IN 1856,  
**JOHN P. HALE.**  
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

M. R. HEZEKIAH DODGE,  
Of this city, is our authorized travelling Agent  
for the Inquirer.

### Freedom and Temperance.

The Portland Free Democratic Association hold an interesting meeting on Monday evening, at 50 Exchange street, and

Voted, To hold a public meeting next week, for addresses on the objects of the Association. Notice to be given.

Voted, To invite Dr. C. G. Parsons to deliver a course of lectures in the city, giving the results of his observations on Slavery and Intemperance in the South, at his earliest convenience.

Other measures are under consideration. Special attention is invited to the meeting next week.

### Thanksgiving.

Will our readers allow us to mingle with them in the sympathies, the pleasures, the gratitude, of this old family festival; and if a tear shall often fall at some sad vacancy in the domestic circle, we know but too well what that means. Good old Thanksgiving!—how many fond associations cluster around it—of parents, brothers, sisters, grand-mothers, uncles, aunts, children, friends—of loved ones scattered or gone forever—precious recollections lingering fondly around this memorial of the past. May our good friends enjoy its pleasure, the richest of which will be a truly grateful heart to the bountiful Giver of Good.

### The Germania Concert.

The able and accomplished Germania Society gave to us a concert on Thanksgiving evening in the City Hall. So rare a treat will fill the Hall at an early hour. Their former visit to this city is not forgotten now will this fall of a welcome.

**ACTION.**—It is greatly to be hoped that the friends of freedom will be active this Fall and the ensuing Winter. Agitate—agitate, in every suitable way. Carry the question into lyceums, debating societies, and have lectures in every town. There are men enough, only call them out. Urge forward the young men. Distribute tracts, Uncle Tom and Key, etc.

A new spirit has evidently seized the anti-slavery women of Maine, and this is a sign of cheer not to be misunderstood. Heaven bless them! We have notices of the formation of several new societies on hand,—send them on from every county town. Let them see that Uncle Tom and the Key are read in every family. Those who view the Inquirer are organized by them, as is often done, of course we are satisfied at that.

It is needed to keep the fire burning, which may have been kindled by other means.

We intend soon to have a supply of new tracts and documents, just such as the warm-hearted girls and women will wish to circulate. They can all call out public addresses.

The organization of societies on the basis of freedom and temperance in all the country towns, is a plan which meets with great favor, and we hope to see it carried out on principles amply just to both.

But please bear in mind the 1000 new subscribers to this paper as first and above all. Only three in a town will do it.

**F**EW we learn with pleasure that measures are in progress to a County meeting at Windham at an early date. We hope to have the notice for the next paper. Whenever held, it must be such a rally of old hands and new, of men and women, as has not been seen in this county for many years. We need to come together and wash each other's hearts, and adopt plans for efficient action in this country. Get ready; spend a day or two for this purpose.

**TESTIMONIAL to Mrs. Stowe.**—By an advertisement in some of the English papers, we observe that the testimonial to Mrs. Stowe already amounts to the sum of £1000, and that it is the wish and expectation of the Committee who have it in charge, to raise it to £1500.

The unexpected departure of Mrs. Stowe from England prevented the personal presentation upon which the Committee had calculated. The following extract from the Committee is circulated in England:

"We, the undersigned, being trustees for the Tribune to Mrs. Beecher Stowe, in aid of Negro Emancipation, are desirous that the sum collected for that purpose should amount at least to two thousand pounds."

"Five hundred pounds are still required, and we believe that we are not asking too much of our friends when we appeal to them for their assistance to complete a fund destined to so great and so good a purpose."

Our obedient servant,

SHAFTEBURY,

"EDWARD N. BURTON,

"JOSEPH STURGEON,

"G. W. ALEXANDER,

"J. M. COOPER,



